



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 11 January 2019

Our prayer theme next week: The Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. On this day we remember when Jesus was Baptised by John the Baptist. This is the beginning of Jesus being publicly declared as The Messiah and someone we should follow. It also tells us of our own Baptism and how we are going to receive the Holy Spirit.

Lord, help us to always see your example and follow it. Help us to know our role and place in the world just as John the Baptist knew his.

Amen

ONLINE GUIDANCE

We have been alerted by a Year 7 parent to a Social Media App called the Momo Challenge. This App encourages children to take self-harm challenges. This is a reminder for parents to constantly speak with their children about on-line safety and to monitor which sites and apps children are accessing at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our pastoral staff to discuss any concerns, Mrs Howard.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor to join our Full Governing Body. Applicants must be practising Catholics and be able to provide a parish priest reference to support their application. Please contact Pam Bilsborrow for more information at pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772-326913

VACANCY

Governors are seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join the Pastoral Team. The post is part-time 27.67 hours per week, term-time only. Further details and application forms are available in the vacancy section of our website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 10 will take place on Thursday, 17 January from 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm. We ask parents and carers who are attending Parents' Evening to allocate at least one full hour to get to speak with all of the teachers. Parents and carers who arrive after 5.30 pm must understand that they may well not have sufficient time to see all of the teachers on the evening. We hope that you find the discussions to be valuable and informative

YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS MEAL

On Thursday, 20 December thirty Year 7 pupils had a celebratory Christmas Dinner at Marino's. They were invited based on the points they have been rewarded for commitment to school. They were our top 30 for the Autumn Term. Congratulations to all of them. We had a lovely evening and look forward to celebrating with the next top 30 in the Spring term. All pupils had an excellent time and their behaviour was outstanding.

DANCE DIVA

Dance Diva 2019 will take place on Wednesday, 13 February - 7.00pm at the Charter Theatre. All pupils in Years 7 and 8, and several from Years 9, 10 and 11 will be performing a selection of dances based around the theme of Romeo and Juliet. These dances have been prepared as part of the Drama and PE curriculum and several pupils have choreographed their own routines. This is always an excellent evening of entertainment. Tickets are available from school priced £7.50 adults and £4.50 children and tickets will have allocated seat numbers. Pupils will be bringing home a ticket letter with a reply slip to request tickets. Completed reply slips should be returned in an envelope clearly labelled with the pupil's name and form, along with payment, and posted in the post box in reception.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Attached with the Newsletter is a list of 200 club winners for 2018.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Three year groups played basketball matches on Wednesday, 9 January in various competitions. The Year 7 team played their first game for Our Lady's against Tarleton Academy in the Lancashire Cup. Both teams began very timidly, getting used to the flow of a real game. Tarleton struck first, using accurate passing to move the ball around the court to find shooting space. They continued to add to their tally while Our Lady's slowly started to find their feet. Liam McCaul's composure earned him two baskets throughout the match but the rest of the team could not add to the total. Tarleton left as winners with the score finishing 17-4 but there was plenty of learning done by the Our Lady's team.

The Year 8 team travelled to Longridge High School to begin a small tournament with other schools from Preston, guided by the coaching skills of Miss Lewis. The team played their first game against Corpus Christi and narrowly missed out on victory with the score finishing 12-10 to our opponents. In the second game against Broughton the team were much more effective in attack, scoring 12 while only conceding 8, showing improvements in defence also. The top scorers' prize was shared between Ethan Dalton and Tiernan Hayes. The team play a further two games next Wednesday.

The U16 team played their final game of the season against an unbeaten Tarleton Academy who were Lancashire champions last year. This game was to be the most exciting game to be played by an Our Lady's team over the past decade. The first 3 quarters of the game were dominated by Our Lady's. Every pass was made with conviction and every shot seemed to score. Liam Burns worked with exceptional levels of intensity to drive towards the basket while sprinting into defence to win the ball back. Ed Cafferkey's rebounding skills were outstanding, regaining possession and calmly supporting the next attack. James Lupton found space behind the line of defence to score basket after basket and the team were playing with exceptional enthusiasm. They knew it would be tough to keep up the pressure on their opponents as they were aware of the skill level Tarleton possessed. By the final quarter Our Lady's were up by 4 points and holding onto their lead. Two free throws by Tarleton made the scores even and the clock was ticking down. The umpires counted down the final 10 seconds and it looked to be going to overtime, only for Tarleton to score a final basket on the buzzer, taking the win 23-21. The Our Lady's team were devastated but both teachers complimented them on their progress from last year. The effort levels, manners and sportsmanship throughout the game were outstanding. Regardless of the loss, it still looks like the team will progress into the knockout stages. Here's hoping they keep the momentum of this game going into the next one. Other members of the team include Lewis Wellings, Lewis Atkinson, Murray Hull, Ben Gaskell, Ben Coar, George Pascucci, Sean Dobson and Liam Corless.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

The under 14 girls' football team competed in three matches on Thursday in the Preston Schools' league. The first two fixtures were very tough games against Broughton and Ashton. Both finished with a draw 0-0 and 1-1 respectively. However, the squad put in a confident performance against Moor Park beating them 6-0 thanks to a hat trick from Ellie Sumner, 2 goals from Alicia Scott and the final goal scored by Kate Moir. The rest of the team, captained by Kelsey Cocoran consisted of Olivia Gregson, Annie Heaton, Grace Wignall, Charlotte Hooper, Claudia Gornall, Imogen Grant, Ella Jaffier, Edie Willans and Lillie Simpson.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 17 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 31 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening

Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens

Thursday, 7 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 21 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening

Friday, 5 April – School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm

Tuesday, 23 April – School opens for the Summer Term